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Michael McLaughlin

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For: MONITORING LATENCY OF A NETWORK TO

MANAGE TERMINATION OF DISTRIBUTED

TRANSACTIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert on page 1 after the title:

-- RELATED APPLICATION

This patent application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No.

60/153,464, entitled "ACID Complaint Transaction and Distributed Transaction Architecture

Across HTTP and Active Simulation to Optimize Transaction Quantums Across HTTP", filed by

Michael James McLaughling Jr., on September 9, 1999, the contents of which are herein

incorporated by reference in its entirety. --

Respectfully submitted,

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